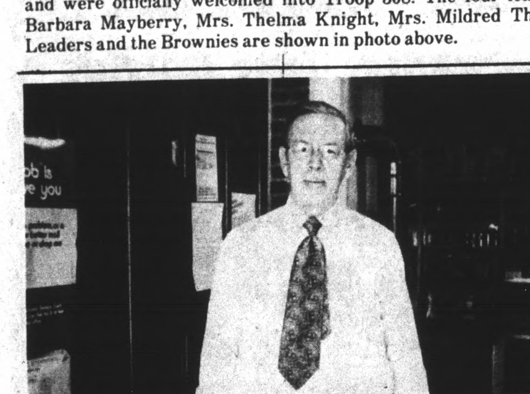
Brownies Hold Investiture Ceremony

On October 19th, parents and friends of Brownie Troop 308 were invited to attend a special meeting, the Brownie Investiture Ceremony.

In the formal ceremony, all the new Brownies said their promises, received their Brownie pins, and were officially welcomed into Troop 308. The four leaders of Brownie Troop 308 are Mrs. Barbara Mayberry, Mrs. Thelma Knight, Mrs. Mildred Thompson, and Mrs. Nancy Mayberry. Leaders and the Brownies are shown in photo above.



"The Heart of Appomattox"

By Terri Conrad

When you're new in town you inevitably make several trips to the Post Office.Rarely though, can you pick up your mail and buy a loaf of bread at the same place. Rarely can you buy a coke and sit down and know that the Post Master will make time to chat and generally make you feel he's glad that you stopped by. Norman Hunter Jones is just such a Post Master.

The Spout Spring Post Office services approximately 1500 people, with many families picking up their mail from Mr. Jones each day. This Post Office was originally established during the 1800's but the present building was built in 1954, the year Mr. Jones became Post Master. Yes, that's right, he's been serving the community for 22 years.

A quiet man, with an inate sense of dignity, he'll tell you he's "lived a simple life." If you're persistent, you might learn that he served in the Air Force during World War II. He was in the China-India-Burma Theatre during the War and served a total military service of three years and ten months. A native of Appomattox County, he was born in Spout Spring and now lives on part of the original family farm in a home he helped build in 1947.

Besides his wife, two sons and a daughter, plus one grandson, Mr. Jones' other interests include hunting, fishing and gardening. He also takes an active interest in his church, Salem United Methodist and serves as the Chairman of the Administrative Board. A simple life? No. Full and rich, most definitely.

When you're been raised in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area, meeting a Norman Jones is a special treat. Here's someone who will take time to listen to your tales, discuss the weather and as was said in the beginning -- make you feel welcome. But don't take my word for it. Drop on in at the Spout Spring Post Office and see for yourself. Mr. Jones will be happy to see you. Oh, and by-the-way, do you need a loaf of bread or anything?

New Film Tells Lions - Eye Bank Story

A new fifteen minute color sound motion picture, "From Darkness to Light Through Sight," produced for the Old Dominion Eye Bank and Research is now available for public showing according to an announcement made today in Richmond by Mr. R. Kenneth Hudgins, executive director of the Eye Bank.

Many of the scenes in the film depicting how Lions working hand-in-hand with the Eye Bank make it possible for persons without vision to receive the gift of sight by means of sight-restoring corneal grafts were filmed in the central and southern portions of Virginia, Lions District 24-B, Hudgins said. Members of area Lions Clubs, local and State police, hospital personnel, and "Ham" radio operators cooperated and volunteered for important parts played in the film, he said.

Hudgins pointed out that during the past twelve months the Lions of Virginia, Districts 24-A, 24-B, and 24-D which funded the film, solicited and placed on file with the Eye Bank 5,840 eye donor pledge cards. Durng this same period the Old Dominion Eye Bank made it possible for 105 persons without vision to receive cornel transplants. This could not have been done, he added, without the help we received from Virginia Lions. How we work together to accomplish this humanitarian service is one of the highlights of the new 16mm film, Hudgins said.

"From Darkness to Light Through Sight" is available on a loan basis to any civic, school, church or other interested organization. Arrangements to use the film, he said, may be made by contacting any member of a local Lions Club or the Old Dominion Eye Bank, 408 North 12th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

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ELECTORAL BOARD TO HOLD INSTRUCTIONAL MEETING

An instructional meeting for precinct judges and clerks will be held at the Court House in Appomattox on October 26, 1976 at 7:30 p.m., according to Mrs. Elizabeth Covington, Secretary Electroal Board.

Mrs. Barbara Williams, County Clerk, will be present for the swearing-in ceremony.

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Master Jack Harris spent from Thursday until Saturday night with his grandparents, Mrs. Nina and Elsie Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Cloud Abernathy had his two sisters to spend week end with them they attended Hebron Church services Sunday.

Mr. Richard Mitchell had three of his college funds to visit him Sunday and the two girls gave testimonies and sang two songs at church Suynday. All enjoyed the songs so much. We hope they come back soon.

A large number attended Railroad Day at Appomattox Saturday from this area.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Alvis, Jr. spent the week end with her parents, The Matthews at Orange, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Booker, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler visited Mrs. Elsie and Nina Caldwell last Friday night and enjoyed playing Rook.

Mr. Scott Elliott came home from the hospital Friday from Charlottesville. He has his leg in a cast and will go back in six weeks. Do hope he will continue to improve.

Mrs. John Ewers went back to Richmond to the eye doctor last Thursday. Her daughter, Mrs. Wilson Garrett, took her.

Mrs. Elsie Thornhill is in the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Osborn Davidson is in the Lynchburg General Hospital. He was operated on Saturday.

Mrs. Herbert Scruggs is in the Lynchburg General Hospital.

Do hope all will get home by the end of the week.

Beckham

OCT. 18 - Mrs. Clyde Moore spent several days last week with Mr. H. O. Martin and Mr. Emory Martin. Visiting in the home Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Eural Martin and Don Martin, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schmutz and family and Mrs. H. C. Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Moore and Rhonda Sunday.

Melamie Morris visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tuck, Miss Kathy Tuck and Rob Tuck Sunday.

Miss Carolyn Morris, of Lynchburg College, and Mr. Jerry May, of Lynchburg, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris and Mrs. S. G. Martin.

Gwen Moore spent the week end with Kim Maxwell, of Appomattox.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin were Mrs. Geraldine Moore, Miss Debbie Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moore, Jr., Kim Maxwell, Gwen Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pankey. Visiting in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin, Jr. and Mr. Alfred Martin and Edward Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stallings and family spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore and Timmy Moore.

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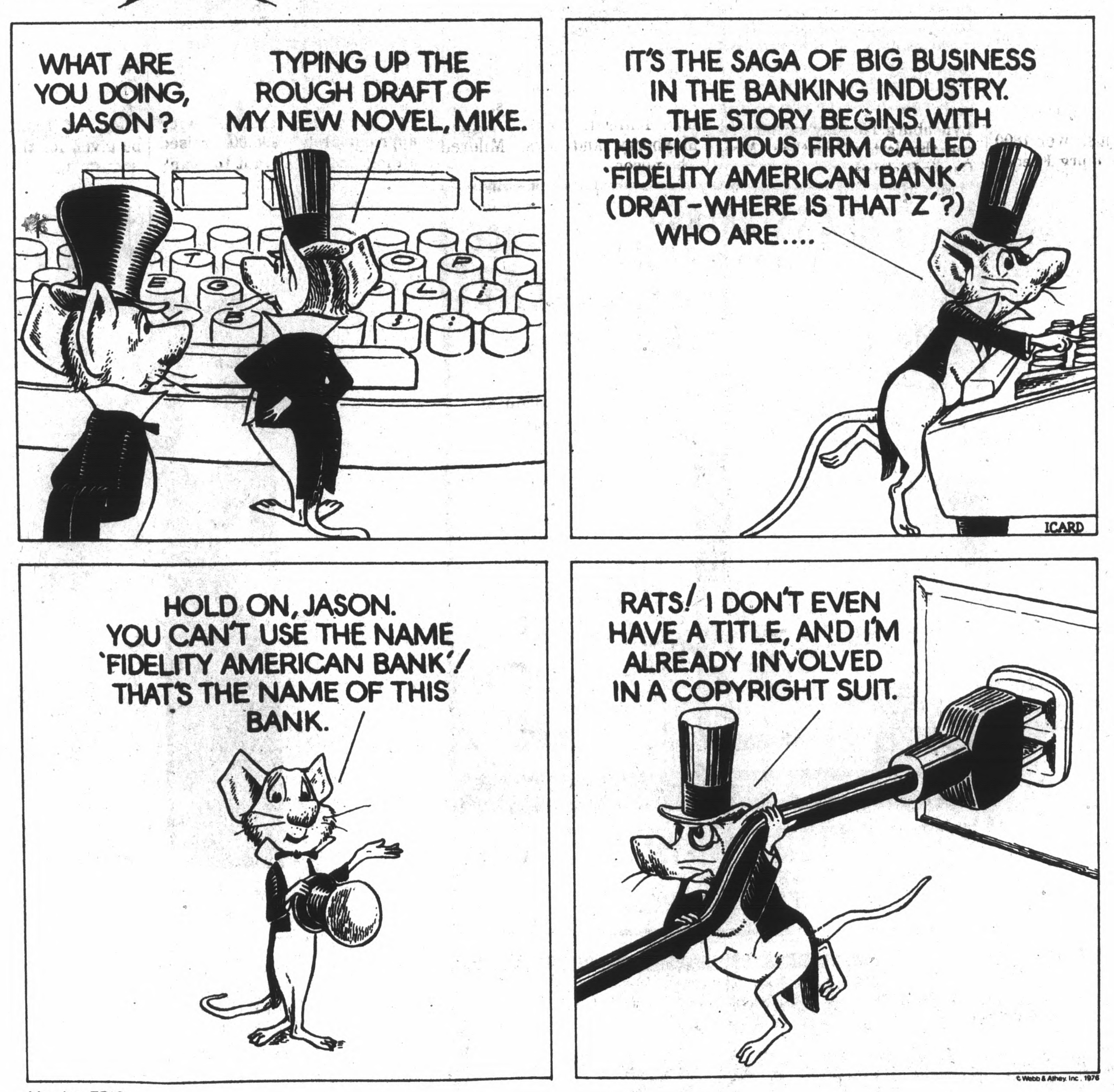

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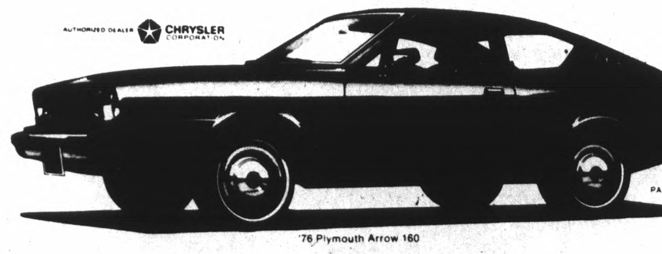

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"The South 40"

by JAMES A. SMITH EXTENSION AGENT

Last week was one of those weeks that I really enjoyed and that's visiting with farmers about their problems and opportunities. We visited sixteen Grade A Dairymen. There's a lot of them doing a lot of things right. It appeared to me that there is more optimism and desire to get cattle fed properly, get production up and , therefore, net income up than I've seen in a long time.

We're shooting for an average production of 15,000 pounds in the next three years and 75% of all herds on DHIA tests. This week three new herds have agreed to start testing; this brings our total to ten or 63%. Two more herds on test will meet our immediate goal. The new herds going on test, hopefully this month, are Kenneth Doss, Dennis Torrence and Henry Barger.

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This is good weather to plow, pick corn, seed small grain and pick up walnuts, but let's not forget the need to take soil samples in the fall.

In September two samples were tested and so far this month only one. If you don't have time, why not give a high school boy a job and get the fields samples. We have the boxes and sheets for your use.

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I saw an unusual tree at the Marvin Glover Farm on the banks of the Appomattox River. It was the first time that I had seen the tree in Appomattox County. A sample was sent in for identification and it was Sugarberry. I recall a farm home in South Carolina with two Sugarberry trees in the front lawn with diameters exceeding four feet. In fact, the name of the farm was Sugarberry. It's quite a nice tree and if you aren't familiar with it you should be.

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There will be just over 1800 head in the Lynchburg Feeder Cattle Sale today in Lynchburg. Sam Conner, W. E. Bondurant and Son, Marvin Taylor, John Harrison, Jimmy Rosser, J. C. Caldwell, Sr. and Mack Coleman are some of the Appomattox producers that will be selling cattle through this sale.

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Spring bulls will be delivered to the Red House Test Station on November 10 rather than Novermber 24.

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This Saturday John Wilson will hold his first production sale. I'm sure that there will be a lot of interest in this event. I can't recall another productin sale being held in the county in over 20 years.

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We are revamping our soil test recommendations, so if yours doesn't look like it used to, you'll understand why.

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Barley and oats are really growing. With some warm weather we could have a problem with aphids. You'll want to watch your small grain closely because these insects multiply rapidly at temperatures, above 50°F. If you have a problem, we do have recommedations for control.

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Don't forget scab on small grain. This organism is found on corn and if corn is followed by small grain, you could have a problem. It's important to get as much of the corn residue under the ground as possible. Clean, treated seed will also help.

PRECIPITATION:

LAST WEEK	1.09
THIS MONTH	5.72
THIS YEAR	37.18

ROCKS

Temperature do wn this a.m. in the twenties. Better get Anti-freeze in your car. Farmers were busy picking corn and sowing wheat last week.

Mrs. Laura Gilliam of Pamplin fell at a store in Farmville Friday and broke her hip. She in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Flora Dickerson and Christine were visiting the former's sister and the latters aunt, Mrs. Carrie Richardson Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Elsie Ranson accompained Mrs. Ruby Almond to Lynchburg Tuesday morning to see the latters' mother, Mrs. Carrie Richardson.

Mrs. Rachel Ranson and Mrs. Nellie Roach were visiting Mr. and Mrs Woodrow Fleshman of near Red House Tuesday p.m.

Joe Almond went to the doctor in Lynchburg Tuesday for a check-up.

Alese Cumbley and Cassie Baldwin were visiting the formers' sister-in-law Carrie Richardson at Lynchburg General Hospital Tuesday afternoon.

A large crowd was at Rocks Thursday night for the opening of the Appomattox Association. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond, Rev. W. H. Elder, Helen Inge and Cassie Baldwin attended the association at Calvary church on Friday.

Mr. & Mrs. L. M. Williams of Waynesboro spent Wednesday with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Roach of Pamplin.

The Rocks Quartet furnished a Gospel music program at Prospect Methodist Church Saturday night. An ice cream supper at the close of the program.

Mrs. Carrie Richardson returned home from the hospital Saturday afternoon much improved in health.

A speedy recovery is wished Mrs. Clara Dudley of Lynchburg who is in Lynchburg General Hospital. She is the aunt of Mrs. W. H. Elder.

There was very good attendance for Sunday School and preaching at Rocks Sunday morning.

October has two special features. On the 5th Sunday, attendance goal at Rocks is 180; Sundy School picnic to follow morning worship service. Won't you help reach the goal?

A few from here attended the Shrock and Nash wedding at Evergreen Methodist Church Saturday afternoon.

A shower was given Susan and Steve Goin at Evergreen Community Center on Friday night.

The Rocks Quartet furnished special gospel music for the Railroad Festival at Appomattox Sunday afternoon. They dedicated a song to Mrs. Vina Kress who has been in the hospital for months very sick.

Lloyd Richardson attended a meeting of the Post Office in Petersburg Friday.

Work Day at Rocks church this Saturday. Come in the morning or the afternoon. Many jobs need to be done; cut shrubbery at Parsonage, paint gutters also, replant several pieces of shrubbery in front of church. Bring the tools you will need.

Congratulations to Susan Goin who won the flower from Superior Trees Nursery on the birthday drawing Monday.

ACTIVITIES OF BROWNIE TROOP 308

Since Sept. 14, 27 new girls have registered to be in our troop, and nine girls have re-registered, making a total of 36 Brownies in Troop 308! There are four leaders, Mrs. Barbara Mayberry, Mrs. Thelma Knight, Mrs. Nancy Mayberry and Mrs. Mildred Thompson.

The month of October is proving to be a busy one for our troop. Because of rain, our Hobo Hike had to be called off, but most of our Brownies participated in the Railroad Festival Parade. Many thanks goes to Appomattox Truck and Tractor for the loan of a new tractor for the parade and for providing overnight housing for our float. We also want to say thanks to Mr. Johnny Knight, Mr. Ralph Mayberry, Mr. Buck Thompson, and Mr. Fred Mayberry for their help, with special thanks going to Mr. Bob Fields for the loan of his farm wagon for the prade float! The Brownies also want to thank Mrs. Marie Hamlett, and her daughter, Brenda, for making cupcakes and Kool-Aid for our hungry and thirsty Brownies after the parade. They were greatly appreciated!

On Railroad Day, our troop had two money-making projects, A Bake Sale at King's, and a raffle downtown for an afghan made and donated to the Brownies by Mrs. Dorothy Bass. Both projects proved to be very successful, with approximately $95.00 raised althogether! We want to thank mrs. Bass for donating the beautiful afghan. A very special thank you goes to Mrs. Nora Mayberry who volunteered to help with the raffle. She spent most of the day Saturday at the raffle table and it is largely due to her that the raffle was such a success! Also, Mrs. Peggy Clark deserves our thanks for making the arrangements for the raffle. Mrs. Peggy Price of Pamplin was the delighted winner of the afghan. And, of course, the parents participation helped to make our first Bake Sale a great success!

On Oct. 12, all the parents were invited to attend the brownie Investitute, a special meeting where in a formal ceremony all the new girls said their promise, received their Brownie pin, and were welcomed into the troop. Then the Brownies sang the Brownie Smile Song for their parents and were dismissed for refreshments.

All our Brownies are looking forward to our Halloween Costume Party, planned for Oct. 29 at the Memorial Methodist Church. A prize will be given for the best costume, and all the runner-ups will receive a prize. So we are looking forward to seeing some pretty spooky costumes!

In closing, I would like to say how proud I am of all our Brownies. In the past month they have made new friends for the troop, have had many interesting expereinces, hopefully have learned some new things, but most of all they and their leaders have had fun!

MIDDLE SCHOOL HELD AMERICAN HISTORTY DAY

The Appomattox Middle School held the annual American History Day on Friday, October 15 to observe Railroad Day. Students and teachers dressed in costumes of our Nation's past. Shown above are some of the costumes from the school. Students participated in Railroad Day festivities on Saturday, October 16 by riding a float entry and by marching in the parade. The History classes feel that Railroad Day is one of the best events in our county and urge all schools and clubs to participate in this annual event.

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